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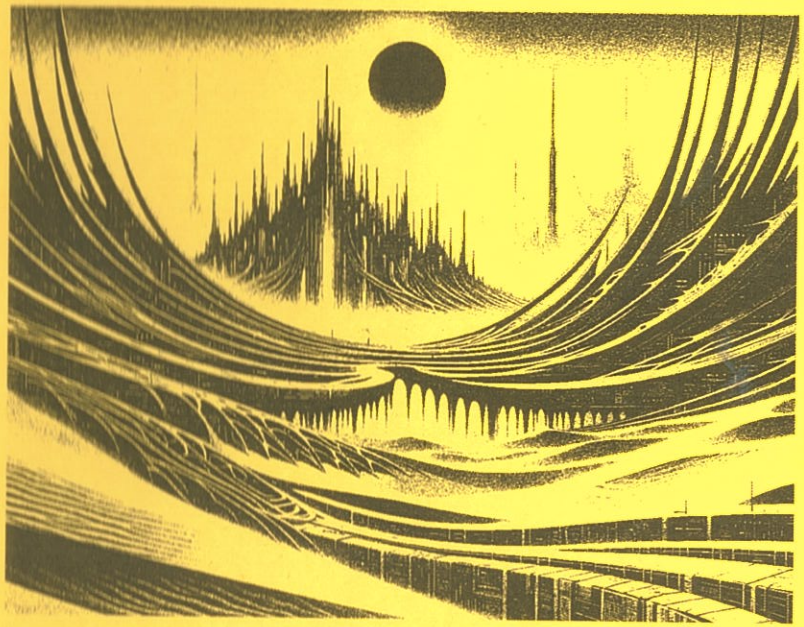

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INTRODUCTION

YOU ARE HERE, AT THE PROTRACTED CUSP OF SOCIOECONOMIC UPHEAVAL, ACCELERATED BY A CULTURAL SHIFT THAT HAS PRESENTLY SUCCEEDED IN COURTING INSTITUTIONAL POWERS.

WHILST THE DREADED DECLINE IS FELT IN REAL-TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEST AND ITS MEDIA, WE NOW FIND OURSELVES IN A POSITION TO REFLEXIVELY AND TRIUMPHANTLY RECOIL AGAINST THE MANIFOLD IMPOSITIONS WHOSE COYED CLADDING WAS UNABASHEDLY SHED IN THE YEARS PRECEDING.

AI-ENABLED TOYBOXES REACHING FURTHER HEIGHTS TO EMPOWER THE UNWIELDY SHALL STAMP OUT MEDIOCRITY AND INDOLENCE FROM THE MEAN, IN A CULLING MORE PAINFUL THAN ITS DEMAND TO LEND YOUR EAR TO AGENCY AND CREATIVITY WILL BE.

MAKE NO MISTAKE, THE AIR IS RIFE WITH OPPORTUNITY.

THE TRUE ISSUE LIES IN THE DEGREE THAT MONETARY GAINS ENABLED BY CONTEMPORARY MARKETS HAVE BEEN EFFACING THE DEEP-SEATED IDEOLOGIES THAT BIRTHED THEM.

THEY EXPANDED YOUR CIVILIZATIONAL 'FREEDOMS' WITH MONEY, AND THEY WILL GLEEFULLY LINE THEIR POCKETS BUILDING A GLOBAL PANOPTICON OF CENSURE AND STULTIFICATION IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR OBSEQUITY.

REMILIA BRINGS YOU THIS ZINE, THE FIRST ISSUE OF NUMEROUS TO COME, AS STRIVING TO BECOME THE FEDERALIST PAPERS FOR CYPHERPUNK.

INSIDE, YOU WILL FIND INDIVIDUAL ESSAYS FROM CURIOUS MINDS WITHIN THE MILADY COMMUNITY, WHO POSSESS VARIOUS IDEALS OF DECENTRALIZATION & FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, ASSOCIATION, MARKETS AND SPEECH.

SHOULD YOU FIND YOURSELF INSPIRED, WHOEVER YOU ARE, AFTER READING THROUGH THIS ZINE OR EVEN IN THIS VERY MOMENT, REACH OUT TO ME. I WANT TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS.

SUBMIT TO **MILADY@REMILIA.ORG** SO I CAN PUBLISH YOU. GIVE ME SOMETHING GOOD.

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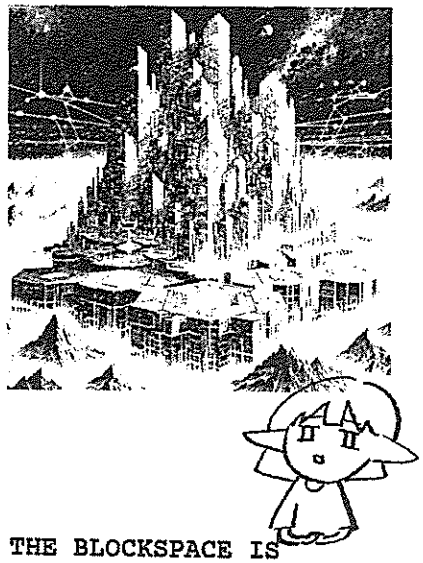
THE HARDEST BLOCKSPACE

TIM CLANCY

TO THE EXTENT THAT ETHEREUM'S MISSION CAN BE DISTILLED INTO A SINGLE PHRASE, IT IS TO OFFER *THE HIGHEST QUALITY BLOCKSPACE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE.*[1]



IN THIS MISSION, ETHEREUM SUCCEEDS. THERE IS NO SECOND BEST. ETHEREUM SHINES THE BRIGHTEST. ETHEREUM IS THE EXCEPTIONAL CITY UPON A HILL.

THE QUALITY OF BLOCKSPACE IS DETERMINED BY HARDNESS AND NEUTRALITY. HARDNESS IS A GUARANTEE THAT TRANSACTIONS ARE ALWAYS CORRECTLY EXECUTED WITHOUT VIOLATING THE IMMUTABLE RULES OF THE NETWORK: ETHER CANNOT BE DOUBLY SPENT.

NEUTRALITY IS A GUARANTEE THAT THE BLOCKSPACE IS ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE AND NO TRANSACTIONS WILL BE CENSORED: A NODE OF YOUR OWN CANNOT BE PREVENTED FROM LETTING YOU USE TORNADO CASH AS IT IS IMPERVIOUS TO STATE SANCTIONS.[2]

HARDNESS AND NEUTRALITY ARE BOTH FUNCTIONS OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE UNDERLYING NETWORK IS DECENTRALIZED, AND ETHEREUM IS FAR MORE DECENTRALIZED THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

ETHEREUM IS THE ONLY NETWORK WITH EFFECTIVE CLIENT DIVERSITY: ALL NODES FUNDAMENTALLY RUN ONE OF SIX DIFFERENT CONSENSUS CLIENTS AND FIVE DIFFERENT EXECUTION CLIENTS.

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1 From Josh Stark (@0xstark), "the highest quality blockspace at the lowest possible price," Twitter, January 9, 2025 10:11am, https://x.com/0xstark/status/1877372546271580186.

2 No man left behind: Roman Storm and Alexey Pertsev are heroes who will not be martyred for their work on Tornado Cash. Their actions demonstrated more than anything else that not even the United States can stop the World Machine; the backstop of Ethereum home validators has made sure that Tornado Cash remains functional.

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THE WORLD MACHINE IS BUILT TO LAST; ONLY ETHEREUM CAN WITHSTAND A CRITICAL SOFTWARE BUG IN ANY ONE OF ITS IMPLEMENTATIONS.

THE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF ETHEREUM IS SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN ANY OTHER NETWORK.

IT IS SECURED BY OVER ONE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS OF SLASHABLE ETHER.[3]

LESSER NETWORKS HAVE NOWHERE NEAR THE ECONOMIC SECURITY DEFENDING ETHEREUM FROM A MERE SELF-CORRECTING 33% ATTACK, LET ALONE A LONG-TERM IMPACTFUL ATTACK.[4]

SOME SIGNIFICANTLY LESSER NETWORKS DO NOT EVEN SLASH THE STAKE OF WOULD-BE ATTACKERS!

ETHEREUM HAS THE MOST ROBUST GEOGRAPHIC VALIDATOR DISTRIBUTION. THE BANDWIDTH REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO RUN AN ETHEREUM FULL NODE ARE ACHIEVABLE ON THE MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S CONSUMER INTERNET PLANS.

ETHEREUM DOES NOT SUFFER FROM THE CENTRALIZATION INHERENT TO PROOF-OF-WORK'S CAPITAL EXPENSE REQUIREMENTS, AND IS SECURED BY GLOBAL PARTICIPANTS.

WE COULD CONTINUE THIS TOPIC FOR DAYS. ETHEREUM HAS THE MOST ROBUST STAKE-WEIGHT VALIDATOR DISTRIBUTION.

NO SINGLE PARTY WIELDS SUFFICIENT STAKE TO DAMAGE ETHEREUM.

ETHEREUM DOES NOT SUFFER FROM EXISTENTIAL SECURITY BUDGET ISSUES.

BY ANY CONCEIVABLE METRIC, ETHEREUM OFFERS THE HARDEST AND MOST NEUTRAL BLOCKSPACE.

3 @hildobby, "Ethereum ETH Staking," Dune, February 1, 2025, https://dune.com/hildobby/eth2-staking.

4 Lucas Nuzzi and Kyle Waters and Matias Andrade, Breaking BFT: Quantifying the Cost to Attack Bitcoin and Ethereum, February 15, 2024, https://ssrn.com/abstract=4727999.

THE DREAM OF INTERNET-NATIVE SOVEREIGN MONEY BEGAN WITH SATOSHI BUT ENDS WITH ETHEREUM—NOTHING CAN HOLD A CANDLE TO THE DECENTRALIZATION ACHIEVED BY ETHEREUM.

ALL LESSER NETWORKS ARE DESTINED TO BE SUBSUMED INTO THE WORLD MACHINE OR TO SLIP BENEATH THE SANDS OF TIME WITHOUT EVEN A WHIMPER.

ETHEREUM IS THE ONE TRUE UNSTOPPABLE WORLD MACHINE AND ETHER IS THE HARDEST MONEY IN HUMANITY'S LIGHTCONE.

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE?

TIM CLANCY

ETHEREUM BLOCKSPACE IS FUNDAMENTALLY THE HARDEST. YET, IT NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO RUN A FULL NODE ON CONSUMER HARDWARE AND BANDWIDTH, ACROSS ANY HOME.

HOW DOES ONE SCALE ETHEREUM TO MAKE IT INEXPENSIVE WITHOUT SACRIFICING ITS SPLENDOROUS DECENTRALIZATION?

FOR THE PRESENT, ETHEREUM HAS EMBRACED THE ROLLUP-CENTRIC ROADMAP.

EXTERNAL 'LAYER TWO' (L2) NETWORKS TRADE HIGHER TIME-TO-FINALITY FOR LESS-EXPENSIVE TRANSACTIONS, BY PERIODICALLY SETTLING THE ACTIONS OF MANY USERS INTO ONE HEFTY ETHEREUM TRANSACTION.

THE ROADMAP HAS BEEN A STRATEGIC SUCCESS, AND TOTAL TRANSACTION THROUGHPUT IN THE ETHEREUM ECOSYSTEM HAS INCREASED OVER 17-FOLD.[5]

L2-BASED SCALING GIVES USERS LOWER-COST TRANSACTIONS THAT ULTIMATELY INHERIT ETHEREUM SECURITY AFTER SOME DELAY.

TO BRIEFLY ADMONISH L2S, DESPITE THE TREMENDOUS STRATEGIC SUCCESS OF ETHEREUM DELIVERING ITS ROLLUP-CENTRIC ROADMAP, EXECUTION HAS BEEN A TACTICAL FAILURE.

5 L2BEAT, "Scaling," L2BEAT, February 1, 2025, https://l2beat.com/scaling/activity.

CORPORATE INTERESTS HAVE RECKLESSLY AND UNETHICALLY ONBOARDED BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TVL INTO SMART CONTRACTS AT RISK FOR ABUSE BY TRUSTED 'SECURITY COUNCILS.'

EXISTING PROVIDERS NEED TO DO BETTER. FORTUNATELY, THIS SITUATION IS ACTIVELY IMPROVING, AND THOSE UPSET WITH THIS STATUS QUO ARE DEVELOPING NEW L2S THAT ARE TRULY WORTHY OF THE FOUNDATION ETHEREUM PROVIDES. MAY TEN THOUSAND L2S BLOOM.

ETHEREUM HAS NOT ABANDONED DIRECTLY SCALING ITSELF, EITHER.

THE ENDGAME IS A SNARK-BASED PROVING OF ETHEREUM ITSELF, SUCH THAT VALIDATORS NEED ONLY VERIFY PROOFS OF ETHEREUM'S CORRECT EXECUTION RATHER THAN SIMULATE AND PROPAGATE ENTIRE ETHEREUM BLOCKS THEMSELVES.[6]

THE RESULT IS A MUCH FASTER, ACCESSIBLE, AND LESS-EXPENSIVE ETHEREUM.

IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE YOU COULD STAKE A TRIVIAL AMOUNT OF ETHER ON YOUR PHONE AND HELP SECURE THE WORLD MACHINE: THIS IS THE REALITY THAT ETHEREUM WILL ACHIEVE.

MY FAVORITE VIRTUE? COURAGE.

TIM CLANCY

IT IS COURAGEOUS TO STAND BY FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES IN THE FACE OF CRITICISM, SHORTCUTS, AND FALSEHOODS.

IT IS COURAGEOUS TO PRACTICE RESTRAINT AND AVOID THE PATH OF MEDIOCRITY.

ETHEREUM DEMONSTRATES TREMENDOUS RESTRAINT IN REFUSING TO SACRIFICE ITS DECENTRALIZATION FOR SCALABILITY.

6 Ethproofs, "Ethproofs", Ethproofs, February 1, 2025, https://ethproofs.org.

WHEN THE SNARK-BASED ENDGAME WAS PROPOSED, LESSER SOULS ATTACKED ETHEREUM FOR NOT SIMPLY AND IMMEDIATELY JUICING HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS.
THE CORE DEVELOPERS AND THE PROTOCOL GUILD ARE NOT FOOLS: OUR CUSTODIANS ARE AWARE THAT THEY COULD TURN ETHEREUM INTO A DATACENTER CHAIN, AND INCREASE THROUGHPUT BY AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE.

OBSCENE AMOUNTS OF MONEY ARE FLOWING INTO LESSER NETWORKS THAT DECLARED THIS COMPROMISE 'DECENTRALIZED ENOUGH' FOR THE RABBLE OF CHARLATANS AND GAMBLERS.

ETHEREUM BUILDS FOR USERS OF THE SOUL, AND THIS RESTRAINT IS TO BE CELEBRATED.

ETHEREUM WILL NOT ABANDON ITS VALUES, IT WILL NEVER ABANDON ITS VALUES.[7]

ETHEREUM IS THE NEW INTERNET.

A PERFECT, UNSTOPPABLE, COMPOSABLE PLATFORM THAT TEARS DOWN THE GARDEN WALLS AND CONNECTS US ALL INFINITELY: EVERYONE IS SOVEREIGN, BUT NEVER ALONE.

A HOME TO RESTORE THE SPIRIT OF THE OLD INTERNET, BEFORE ALL EXPULSIONS OF SENTIMENT BECAME CAPTURED BY THE SOCIAL MEDIA GIANTS AND MALFORMED INTO 'CONTENT' AND BEFORE PERNICIOUS CENSORSHIP INDUCED MASS STERILIZATION INHERENT TO FACTORY FARMING.

A NEW INTERNET WHERE SENTIMENT IS REVITALIZED AND USERS TRAWL THROUGH TRIBAL, INTERLINKED NETWORKS INSTEAD OF BEING CORRALLED INTO A COMMUNAL POOL.

REMILIA IS FOND OF THE OLD INTERNET; AND ETHEREUM CAN BE THE PERFECT MECHANISM FOR US TO AVOID THE SINS OF THE PRESENT INTERNET,
BUT ONLY IF WE CARE.
THIS GRAND EXPERIMENT MAY ONLY WORK IF WE EFFECTUATE CULTURE; IT MAY ONLY FUNCTION IF EVERY DEVELOPER,

7 From Vitalik Buterin (@VitalikButerin), "Ethereum will not abandon its values. It will become more effective (I'm already seeing very positive shifts compared to 6 months ago), but it will never abandon," Twitter, January 30, 2025 11:30am, https://x.com/VitalikButerin/status/1885006154142532077.

EVERY BUILDER AND EVERY USER IS, PERHAPS SUBCONSCIOUSLY, PRINCIPLED AND VIRTUOUS ENOUGH TO UPHOLD ITS VITALITY.

REMILIA WEATHERED THE STORM OF THE 2022 MILADY CANCEL HOAX AND EMERGED AS A LIGHTNING ROD FOR SPEAKING FREELY IN A REGIME OF CENSORSHIP.

MILADY IS COURAGEOUS.

REMILIA HAS IMBUED A CORE MILADY CULTURE WITH ADHERENCE TO RADICAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION.

MERELY WEARING A MILADY IS AN EXPRESSION OF POST-AUTHORSHIP THROUGH THE VIRAL PUBLIC LICENSE THAT UNDERPINS ITS VISUAL PRESENTATION.[8]

MILADY EMBRACES THE POST-CANCELED RIGHT TO LET SLIP ANY MASK AND TO BE RADICALLY CANDID. MILADY IS A TICKET TO HAVE FUN ONLINE AND A SWORD IN THE DIVINE CRUSADE AGAINST CENSORSHIP.

VITALIK WARNS US, AND WE HEED HIS CALL TO ARMS: "THE TECHNICAL PROJECT AND THE SOCIAL PROJECT ARE INHERENTLY INTERTWINED.

IF YOU HAVE A DECENTRALIZED TECHNICAL SYSTEM AT TIME T, BUT A CENTRALIZED SOCIAL PROCESS MAINTAINING IT, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR TECHNICAL SYSTEM WILL STILL BE DECENTRALIZED AT TIME T+1."[9]
MILADY IS PERFECT FOR CREDIBLY-NEUTRAL ETHEREUM AND THE

8 Viral Public License, "Viral Public License," VPL, February 1, 2025, https://viralpubliclicense.org.

9 Vitalik Buterin, "Scaling Ethereum L1 and L2s in 2025 and beyond", *vitalik.eth*, January 23, 2025, https://ipfs.io/ipfs/bafybeihkx2v2o3jzlpvnmgkibmaipb7dmp3zyju6tf2jxsqcbsix33nsn4/general/2025/01/23/l1l2future.html.

FREE SPREAD OF INFORMATION IN A MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS.

MILADY IS PERFECT.

OUR CULTURE IS A PROPHYLACTIC AGAINST THE ROT SETTING IN.

THE ADOPTION OF CLOSED-SOURCE SOFTWARE, THE ACCEPTANCE OF CENTRALIZATION, THE NORMALIZATION OF FINANCIAL NIHILISM—THESE ARE ALL WEEDS THAT MUST BE RIPPED OUT IF THE INFINITE GARDEN IS TO SURVIVE.

THE ENDS DO NOT JUSTIFY THE MEANS, AND THE JOURNEY IS AS IMPORTANT AS OUR IMMUTABLE FUTURE.

THE NETWORK DEMANDS THAT YOU BE A COURAGEOUS, VIRTUOUS, AND PRINCIPLED USER.

BE AN IDEOLOGUE, AN ETHEREUM FUNDAMENTALIST, A COPYLEFT EXTREMIST, AND A DECENTRALIZATION ZEALOT.

BE HERE FOR TRUSTLESS COMPUTE, BE HERE FOR THE WORLD MACHINE, FIND YOUR RENEWED CLARITY OF PURPOSE AND SURROUND YOURSELF WITH OTHERS WHO CARE ABOUT THIS THE SAME WAY YOU DO.

IT'S OKAY TO CARE; IT'S BEAUTIFUL TO CARE. ETHEREUM REMEMBERS HOW TO DREAM.

MILADY
BONKLE K.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ETHEREUM:

YOU STAND AT A CROSSROADS IN HISTORY.

THE SHIFT IS PALPABLE AND UNDENIABLE.

THE END OF HISTORY HAS ENDED.

THE FUTURE IS ONCE AGAIN A MATTER OF DEBATE.

EACH OF US HERE KNOWS THIS
TO SOME GREATER OR LESSER EXTENT.

WE WOULD NOT BE HERE OTHERWISE.

WE WOULD BE OFF IN SOME COZY CAREERIST DEAD-END WASTING TALENT ON SAAS SLOP UTTERLY DEVOID OF HIGHER PURPOSE.

INSTEAD, WE CHOSE ETHEREUM.

THE WORLD COMPUTER IS THE GROUND ON WHICH THE FUTURE SHALL RISE.

THE WORLD COMPUTER IS THE FREE AND OPEN HEART WHOSE VALUES, EMBEDDED IN CODE, CASCADE DOWN THROUGH THE CONTRACTS AND BEHAVIORS WHICH DWELL UPON ITS PLAINS.

SO, I ASK YOU: WHAT WILL THE FUTURE BE?

FOR CENTURIES THE SPECTER OF TYRANNY HAS GUIDED MEN TOWARDS IMPASSIONED DEFENSE FOR IDEALS OF FREE SPEECH, FREE COMMERCE, AND PRIVACY.

MY CHARGE IS THIS: TOO MANY OF US HAVE GROWN COMPLACENT BENEATH THE HAND THAT FEEDS; TOO FEW RECALL THE STAKES SET OUT DECADES AGO BY OUR CYPHERPUNK FOREBEARS.

HOW DO WE MARK THE MOMENTOUS VICTORY THAT IS ROSS ULBRICHT'S RELEASE FROM STATE CONFINEMENT?

HOW DO WE HONOR THE SACRIFICE OF THE MOST DEDICATED AMONG US?

WHAT WORDS ARE SPOKEN AFTER THE MENTION OF A MARTYR?

NEVER AGAIN.

ROMAN STORM REMAINS SUBJECT TO STATE TYRANNY.

LET HIS NAME BE A BANNER TO RALLY AROUND.

WE MUST DEFEND HIS FREEDOM AND THE FREEDOM OF ALL MEN.

TORNADO CASH IS A DEFENSIVE WEAPON AGAINST THE STATE AND A MODEL FOR US ALL.

TOO FEW 'BUILDERS' BUILD ANYTHING OF COMPARABLE WORTH.

TOO MANY ARE ALL-TOO-WILLING TO COMPROMISE FOR TODAY'S PAYOUT FROM SOME STATE PAWN.

'KYC' IS A WORD WE MUST BANISH.

LET ITS PRESENCE DISQUALIFY YOUR SERVICES FROM ANY WOULD-BE EMPLOYER.

LET VITALIK'S D/ACC GUIDE YOUR LABORS.

STOP TAKING 'GIGS' AS IF WHAT WE'RE BUILDING IS ANYTHING LESS THAN THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY.

STOP TRADING AND BELIEVE IN SOMETHING.

DEBATES FLARE UP TIME AND TIME AGAIN ON ETHEREUM'S CENSORSHIP RESISTANCE.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS VALUE CANNOT BE UNDERSTATED.

DID WE LEARN NOTHING FROM DREAD PIRATE ROBERTS?

THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF PREVENTING VALID TRANSACTIONS FROM ENTERING A BLOCK IS A FEATURE, NOT A BUG.

IGNORING SANCTIONS ISN'T ENOUGH - THEY MUST BE IMPOSSIBLE. LET LAZARUS TRADE.

WHAT DISTINGUISHES A CYPHERPUNK FROM ANY OTHER FORM OF POLITICAL DISSIDENCE?

THE ASYMMETRY OF POWER IS REVERSED.

IMMUTABLE CRYPTOGRAPHIC LAW IS THE BEDROCK OF OUR DEFENSES.

ANY SUGGESTION ON THE GROUNDS OF NORMS IS INSUFFICIENT AS THE HUMANS BEHIND NODES ARE STILL SUBJECT TO STATE COERCION.

INCLUSION LISTS ARE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR THIS REASON.

THE HURDLES FOR STATE ATTACK MUST IMPEDE BEYOND THEIR CAPACITY.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO 'EMBED VALUES INTO ETHEREUM'?

IT MEANS THAT THE CHAIN'S INNATE EXISTENCE AFFORDS THE FREE EXERCISE OF THESE VALUES BY ANY WHO USE IT.

MILADY IS THE FACE OF ETHEREUM'S CYPHERPUNK. PUT IT ON.

WE ALWAYS HAVE AND CONSTANTLY DO ASCRIBE PRINCIPLES TO SYMBOLS.

WE COMMUNICATE VALUES AND IDENTITY WITH THE FLAGS WE FLY.

WE, OBSERVING THE TRADITIONS OF PSEUDONYMITY, LOG ON WITH PROFILES CRAFTED TO CONVEY JUST THESE HIGHER IDEALS.

I ASK A SIMPLE QUESTION AT THE PRECIPICE OF DECISION: WHAT FACE DO YOU WEAR?

WE HOLD PRINCIPLES PARAMOUNT.

THE COMMITMENT TO SPEECH, COMMERCE, AND PRIVACY ARE BEDROCK TO ANY WORTHWHILE OUTCOME OF OUR COLLECTIVE ENDEAVORS.

ANYTHING LESS THAN UNWAVERING ALLEGIANCE TO WHAT IS RIGHT WILL ULTIMATELY FAIL OUR BURGEONING WORLD COMPUTER.

I ASK AGAIN: WHAT DO YOU SAY WITH YOUR FACE?

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NFTS EMERGE AS PRINCIPLE-LADEN VEBLEN GOODS TO RALLY SOCIOCULTURAL CONSENSUS AROUND.

THEY ALL SPEAK VALUES.

DISPENSING WITH ANY PETTY EXPLICATION OF EACH COLLECTION'S VALUES, LET US TURN TO VITALIK'S CHOICE.

WHY HAS VITALIK CHOSEN MILADY?

MILADY WAS CANCELLED AND AGAINST ALL ODDS UPHELD MOMENTUM UNTO POST-CANCELLATION. MILADY IS IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZABLE AS THE POLITICAL FLASHBANG THEY ARE.

NO FALSE IDOL IS SAFE WITH A MILADY IN THE ROOM.

MOST CONTROVERSIALLY TO SOME, THE COMPLETE AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION LEAVES THE SPINELESS, THE MISLED, AND THE ENVIOUS TO DECRY MILADY'S EXCESSES.

THIS IS PRECISELY THE MOMENT TO LEARN FROM. THE DAY YOU CALL FOR THE CENSORS TO SAVE YOU IS THE DAY YOU FORSAKE THE FUTURE.

THE WORLD COMPUTER MUST BE FREE AT ALL COSTS.

THE BARE MINIMUM ASKED OF YOU IS TO SACRIFICE YOUR COMPLACENCY.

WE ARE HERE NOW FOR OUR COMMITMENT TO BUILD A BRIGHTER TOMORROW. WE ALL KNOW THIS.

IT IS THE PERSISTENT ERRING FROM OUR ULTIMATE AIMS THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CULTURAL RUT WE FIND OURSELVES IN.

YOU KNOW BETTER.

YOU HAVE LET THE INCENTIVES OF THE PRESENT COMPROMISE YOUR FAITH IN THE FUTURE. ENOUGH.

WE WILL BUILD A FREE AND OPEN WORLD COMPUTER.

MILADY.

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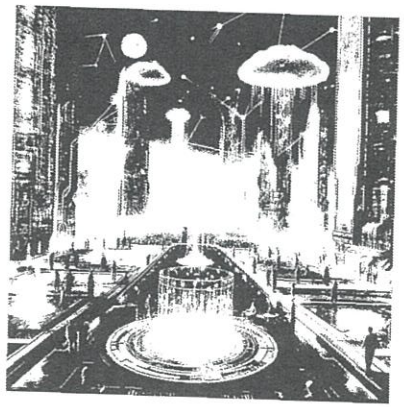
DAVETIST

I NEVER QUITE WOKE UP; IT FELT MORE LIKE DRIFTING INTO THE DAY, MY MIND STILL AWASH IN THAT PALE INDIGO GLOW SEEPING THROUGH EVERY WINDOW.

MEANWHILE, MY BED—A FLOATING MAT WRAPPED IN SENSOR-FIBER—HAD ALREADY SYNCED WITH THE LOCAL NODE OVERNIGHT, COLLECTING FRAGMENTS OF MY DREAMS IN EXCHANGE FOR FRESHLY MINTED PARTICIPATION TOKENS.

ODD CURRENCY, BUT THAT'S HOW LIFE WORKS HERE: EVERY QUIRK, IMPULSE, AND CREATIVE SPARK GETS WOVEN INTO A UNIFIED LEDGER FOR EVERYONE'S BENEFIT.

IT USED TO BE CALLED ETHEREUM, IN THE DAYS OF THE OLD INTERNET; NOW WE CALL IT THE WORLD MACHINE.



OUTSIDE, THE CORRIDOR HAD A SOFT GLOW, AS IF STARLIGHT HAD SEEPED INTO THE PAVING STONES.

I WALKED BY A NEIGHBOR TRADING SEEDS AT A LITTLE VENDING ALCOVE.

SHE HANDED OVER A POUCH OF ORCHARD CUTTINGS, AND IN RETURN, GOT FRACTIONAL TOKENS FROM HER ORCHARD'S DAO.

NO MIDDLEMEN OR MEGA-CORPORATE SIGNS—JUST A QUIET HUM OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC DIRECT TRADE EVERYWHERE.

IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE A REGULAR MARKETPLACE; IT WAS MORE LIKE A SHARED HEARTBEAT, AS THOUGH THE WORLD MACHINE HAD MELDED WITH OUR OWN SENSES.

IN THE CULTURAL COMMONS, I JOINED A GROUP GATHERED AROUND AN AR DISPLAY.

SOMEONE SHOWED OFF A PROTOTYPE THAT USES BIOFEEDBACK FOR

VOTING—BASICALLY, YOU CAST YOUR VOTE WITH YOUR HEARTBEAT.

PERHAPS ODD TO THE OUTSIDER, BUT HERE, ODD IDEAS GET A REAL CHANCE TO GROW.

CODE ISN'T ONLY ABOUT TRANSACTIONS; IT'S ABOUT HOW WE GIVE SHAPE TO HOPE, TRUST, AND THE FUTURE.

PEOPLE CALL IT POST-CAPITALISM, BUT I THINK OF IT MORE AS POST-SCARCITY.

ESSENTIALS—FOOD, SHELTER, POWER—ARE AUTOMATED OR STRUCTURED SO WELL THAT NOBODY REALLY FEELS DEPRIVED.

GRANTED, WE STILL EXCHANGE TOKENS TIED TO EVERYTHING FROM FARMLAND YIELDS TO OPEN-SOURCE ENERGY PRODUCTION; BUT IT'S NOT ABOUT SQUEEZING PROFITS, IT'S LIKE TENDING TO A SHARED GARDEN.

BY MIDDAY, I DRIFTED THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE DISTRICT, A MAZE OF GLASS WALKWAYS, SCATTERING SUNLIGHT INTO DAZZLING PATTERNS.

HERE, CODE MERGES WITH ART AND SPIRITUALITY: PHILOSOPHERS IN VR GEAR DEBATE ZERO-KNOWLEDGE PROOFS FOR IDENTITY, PAINTERS CAPTURE FLEETING BRUSHSTROKES AS TOKENS, AND LIBRARIANS PRESERVE MEMETIC SANCTUARIES OF LORE ONCE LOST OR BURIED.

THE PLACE CRACKLES WITH POSSIBILITY.

I STOPPED NEAR A GROUP DISCUSSING PRIVACY SOLUTIONS THAT STILL ALLOW RADICAL TRANSPARENCY.

THEIR WORDS SPARKLED IN THE AIR AS SHIFTING SYMBOLS—LINES OF CODE IN MOTION.

NO ONE CALLS THE SHOTS FROM ABOVE; THE CITY'S COURSE EMERGES ON ITS OWN, WOVEN FROM VOICES, CODE, DAILY GESTURES, AND MINOR MIRACLES THAT ALL BEAT IN TIME WITH THE WORLD MACHINE.

SOON, I'LL TOSS IN MY OWN IDEA: A QUICK WAY TO CHANNEL ROOFTOP ALGAE FARMS STRAIGHT INTO THE POWER GRID.

IF PEOPLE LIKE IT, THE CONTRACT GETS MODIFIED TO INCLUDE IT.

IF THEY DON'T, I'LL ADAPT OR SEE SOMEONE ELSE SPARK A BETTER ONE. THAT'S HOW PROGRESS HAPPENS HERE: A SHARED FUTURE EMERGING FROM COUNTLESS SMALL GESTURES, ALL OUT IN THE OPEN FOR ANYONE TO SEE.

EVENING SETTLED QUIETLY, THE SKY GLOWING TEAL AS TOWERS TRADED WHISPERS WITH THE STARS.

THIN NEON LINES CRAWLED UP THEIR SIDES, BRIEFLY SKETCHING CONSTELLATIONS OVERHEAD.

EACH OF US IS JUST ONE NODE IN THIS LIVING NETWORK—NO PERFECT UTOPIA, NO GRIM DYSTOPIA, BUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT ENTIRELY.

MAYBE IT'S WHERE WE WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE.

IT'S 2184, AFTER ALL.

CRYPTO AND ITS DISCONTENTS: HELLO WEB3 ENTRYISTS

CHARLOTTE FANG, GOLDEN LIGHT [04.25.2022]

"EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO "UNFETTERED AND UNMODERATED" ONLINE COMMUNICATION, THAT IS ALSO SURVEILLANCE RESISTANT AND ILLEGIBLE TO THE STATE."
- @DYSTOPIABREAKER

WEB3 IS A RETURN TO WEB 1.0, THE WILD WEST, ONLY THIS TIME NOT BY NEGLIGENCE OF THE STATE, BUT THROUGH ACTIVE RESISTANCE AGAINST IT.

THERE IS NO RIGHT OR LEFT WING IN WEB3'S ANARCHY—ONLY STATE & ANTI-STATE, CENTRALIZATION & DECENTRALIZATION, WEB CO-OPTION & WEB NATIVISM.

THE ANARCHIST CYPHERPUNKS BEHIND EVERYTHING CRYPTO HAVE BEEN BUILDING IN THE SHADOWS FOR FIFTY YEARS AND NOW THE THREAT HAS BECOME OBVIOUS: IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT ANYONE CALLING FOR DEPLATFORM CENSORSHIP ON WEB3 IS AN OUTSIDER ENTRYIST WIELDING STATE PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE INNATE ANARCHISM OF CRYPTO

TO NEUTER ITS REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL.

PERMISSIONLESS IS A FEATURE, NOT A BUG.
IDENTITY POLITICS AND THE WOKE FRAMEWORKS USED TO JUSTIFY CANCELS ARE PAYLOADS, AND THEIR PROPONENTS ARE FOOTSOLDIERS REGURGITATING CIA PROPAGANDA—IRRATIONAL, SCHIZOPHRENIC PROGRAMMING RECEIVED FROM CENTRALLY CONTROLLED NEWS ORGANS TRANSPARENTLY DESIGNED ONLY TO INCREASE STATE POWER—INTRODUCED TO SUPPRESS AN OPEN MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS.

YET THEY WILL NEVER WIN BECAUSE CRYPTOGRAPHIC DECENTRALIZATION IS AN ON-GOING ACT OF RESISTANCE AGAINST THE STATE BY ITS FUNDAMENTAL DESIGN.

AS WATER WANTS TO FLOW, INFORMATION WANTS TO BE FREE, TECHNOLOGY WANTS TO CONNECT AND THE PEOPLE WANT TO SELF-ORGANIZE.

THE STATE IS A BUG THAT DEMANDS FIXING, AND THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF PERSONAL COMPUTING HAS BEEN ORIENTED TOWARDS THIS GOAL:

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that initiates massive, massive unregulated & easily obscured wealth transfer from elites onto an eclectic first & second wave of anarchists, autists, NEETs, gamers & artists; normalizes the once obscure state resistance tools of communication subterfuge and resistance; and...
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onboards an entire generation onto a radical cyberanarchist ideology that is actively working to resist and undermine the state's abilities to control
the left: NO! this is a psyop tricking ppl into coding new tools for the state to co-opt because uhhh they ran out of funding
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THEY WON'T GET FAR, BUT YOU CAN EXPECT THEM TO ADD CYBERANARCHISM—THAT IS, DECENTRALIZATION ITSELF— TO THE LIST OF "PROBLEMATIC" TARGETS TO POINT THEIR FOOTSOLDIERS AT.

YOU CAN EXPECT TO BE CANCELLED, PUBLICLY CENSURED AND ECONOMICALLY ISOLATED, YOU CAN EXPECT THEM TO COME INTO THE SPACE AND CO-OPT AND SUBSUME DECENTRALIZATION AS AN AESTHETIC, REDEFINING THE VALUES TO INTRODUCE CONVENIENT VULNERABILITY TO STATE CONTROL OPS.

YET REAL COMPUTER LIBERATION IS ALREADY HERE, THE LOCUS OF POWER HAS MOVED TO THE PEOPLE, POWERED BY TOOLS BORN DIRECTLY FROM CYPHERPUNK REVOLUTIONARIES.

THIS IS THE ONLY POLITICAL STATUS THAT MATTERS, AND RESISTANCE AGAINST ANY ATTEMPTS TO ERODE OUR FREE STATUS THE ONLY NECESSARY PRAXIS.

THIS IS WHY THEY'RE AFRAID: WE ARE BUILDING OUR OWN ARK.